

**CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
APRIL 12, 2022
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 12th day of April, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Access Code: 652-665-397

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Proclamation honoring Chief Rickey Thielen.
5. Proclamation Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month 2022.
6. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the March 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes, March 15, 2021 special meeting minutes, and March 19, 2021 special meeting minutes. *(city staff)*
7. Discuss Grant Program applications, current and future opportunities, with descriptions of eligibility and match considerations. *(Langford Community Management)*
8. Proposal of New Taft Public Library by the Richie Foundation. *(Mayor Powell)*
9. Discuss, consider, and act on proposed lease agreement for the new Taft Public Library. *(Mayor Powell)*
10. Discuss, consider and take action on Resolution No. 657, a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; authorizing participation with the cities served by AEP Texas; authorizing hiring of legal counsel; Finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be

reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. *(city staff)*

11. Discuss, consider and take action on participating in the “Low Income Household Water Assistance Program” with Community Action Corporation of South Texas. *(city staff)*
12. Discuss, consider and take action on providing notice to Absolute Waste Services Inc. of cancellation of the contract for solid waste services effective 9/30/23 and begin the process to issue a Request for Proposals for solid waste services. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
13. Discuss, consider and take action on Resolution 658, a resolution adopting an Investment Policy for the City of Taft. *(city staff)*
14. Discuss, consider and take action on an extension for the GLO CDBG-DR Street Improvements Project, Contract Number 20-065-097-C269. *(city staff)*
15. Discuss, consider and take action on authorizing a change order for the GLO CDBG-DR Street Improvements Project, Contract Number 20-065-097-C269. *(city staff)*
16. Discuss, consider and take action on a budget amendment to the Street Fund in the amount of \$23,855.00 to cover 50% of the cost associated with the additive alternatives and the added cost of a 5’ concrete valley gutter regarding the CDBG-DR GLO Project Contract #20-065—097-C269. *(city staff)*
17. Update of the City website. *(Mayor Powell)*
18. Discuss, consider, and take action on officially appointing a K-9 officer to ensure proper compensation. *(city staff)*
19. Discussion on finding money to patch up the Fire Department building. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
20. Discussion of the hourly rates for the police officers. *(Councilman Hernandez)*
21. Discuss and consider update regarding the city’s financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. *(city staff)*
22. Discuss monthly reports for police department, animal control, code enforcement, public works, and fire department. *(city staff)*
23. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
24. Executive Session:
 1. Convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Private consultation with attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, and specifically, to receive an update regarding *Sharon Watts vs. City of Taft*.
 2. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act on Personnel matters involving the duties and responsibilities of the City Manager.

25. Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary as a result of discussion in Agenda Item No. 21(1) pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).
26. Consider action, if necessary on any other item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
27. Adjournment.

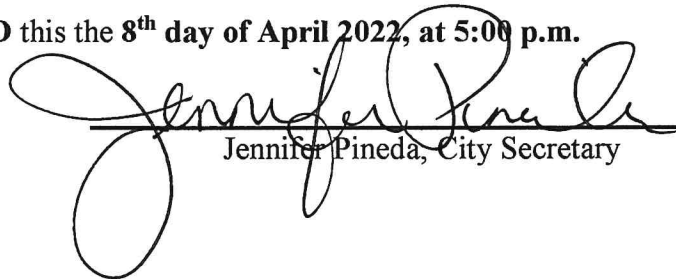
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.
2. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 The **purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property**, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
3. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 A **contract for a prospective gift or donation** to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 **Personnel matters** involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the **8th** day of **April 2022**, at **5:00 p.m.**


Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary